

BARE ROOT SPECIAL CARE ARRIVAL NOTES

1. OPENING YOUR ORDER

Take care when removing your plant bundle(s) from the box. For multiple bundle orders, plants may be tightly packed to fit within the box. **Do not** be dismayed if plants have broken or bent stems. **Plants are resilient and will grow back with vigor.** For Allegheny Spurge orders, bare root bundle(s) have been shipped with minimal moisture to prevent rot. Healthy roots will appear tan/beige in color and springy/spongey with an Earthy odor. **If the box is damaged, first document the damage thoroughly; next, contact us ASAP.**

2. SEASONAL INSTRUCTIONS

LATE SPRING / SUMMER / EARLY FALL

Plants arriving during these seasons have been in the mail for several days and are likely beginning to dry. Upon opening your package, check the moisture content of the plant roots. Rehydrate the plants by dipping the bundled roots into a pail of water. Take care to avoid wetting the foliage. If you do not intend to set out the plants immediately, snugly wrap the roots in the manner in which they arrived and store in a cool, dry area. Plants may be stored for up to 3-4 days before planting.

LATE FALL / WINTER / EARLY SPRING

We monitor national weather when shipping late fall, winter, and early spring orders to insure suitable transit temperatures. Plants will often arrive before spring weather is stable enough to support planting. If your order arrives in the late fall, winter, or early spring, we ask that you keep the plants in a protected environment with limited to no direct sunlight until suitable weather returns. This could mean a basement, a cool garage, or some other suitably dark and temperature-controlled location. Check the moisture content of the plant roots every 3-4 days. If and when the plants begin to dry, follow the hydration instructions covered in the section above. After planting in the late spring, monitor weather forecasts to protect your new plants from damaging frost and freeze. Use old burlap, sheets, boxes, etc. to cover and protect your new plants from these events.

3. PLANTING YOUR BARE ROOT PLANTS

Dig a hole 8-12 inches in diameter, with a depth no deeper than the original soil line on the stem - for Allegheny Spurge this means placing the root segment with its top approximately an inch above the soil. Be sure to break up the ground soil to the finest consistency possible. We recommend supplementing your soil using Miracle-Gro® Garden Soil All Purpose - In Ground. Place the plants in the hole and fill; lightly compact the fill dirt. Do not over compact the soil. Be sure to provide the proper space for the plant to grow. Water the plant heavily to seal the soil around the roots and remove air pockets. To increase the odds of success, plant under cover, in the evening, or on a sufficiently overcast day. **Do not** fertilize your soil until your plants are established (3-6 weeks). Fertilize according to the recommendation of your local agriculture extension office or based on your personal experience. **Avoid over watering!** Saturate the ground only once every 10-14 days.

***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
PLEASE CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY!***

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